

Grand Mufti Hails Zafrullah's Visit To Mid-East States

(From Our Staff Correspondent)

THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO TURKEY AND OTHER MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES WAS HAILED BY GRAND MUFTI OF PALESTINE WHILE ADDRESSING A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE LAST EVENING.

He was sure that Pakistan's Foreign Minister would receive warm welcome in all Muslim countries, who had a great regard for Pakistan. The happenings in Iran, Egypt and Morocco were sure signs of Muslims' awakenings he said. The Motamar Alam-e-Islami as well as the Ehtifal-o-Ulema-el-Islam in which Pakistan has played a leading part were gratifying attempts towards attaining unity of thought in cultural, social and religious spheres of all Muslim peoples, he continued. Explaining further, the Grand Mufti of Palestine, who is also the Chief Patron of the Motamar Alam-e-Islami said that while the Motamar aimed at educating the world opinion on various problems and issues affecting Muslim peoples as a whole, the Ehtifal-o-Ulema-el-Islam aims at gathering together representatives of various schools of thoughts among the Muslims with a view to evolve a unified approach to life in the light of what Islam teaches us. The Ehtifal would primarily be a religious gathering and compilation of an authentic version of FIQH (detailed regulations for an Islamic life) on which various schools of thoughts and sections might agree would be the aim of the Conference. His eminence was of the opinion that the Motamar has considerably succeeded in its mission, and not much could have been expected of the newly born organization when the larger organization like UNO had so far failed to do all that it aimed at in the beginning.

Maulana Syed Suleman Nadvi, the Convenor of the Ehtifal explained further there existed no rivalry between the two organizations, while the two would work together to attain greatest possible co-operation among various sects and peoples of the Muslim nation.

Masrat Kashful Gheta, the great Shia Divine of Iran and Iraq said that it was his conviction that to bring about closest possible unity among Muslims was religiously as incumbent on every Muslim as Jihad. He could foresee that Pakistan would make a great contribution in this respect.

All the delegates present in the Press Conference, including the Chief of Asad Kashmir, Mir Waiz, hoped that the World Ulema Conference would be a great success.

Mufti praises Islamic spirit in Pakistan

The Grand Mufti of Palestine, Al-Haj Syed Amin el-Hussaini, Patron of the Motamar-e-Alam-e-Islami, said in Karachi on Tuesday that the "strong Islamic spirit that is prevailing in Pakistan is admirable."



Grand Mufti of the nation Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, who was a true servant of the cause of Islam.

HIS SUDDEN ARRIVAL

Replying a question in connection with his sudden arrival at the Federal Capital, the Grand Mufti said he had come at the invitation of the Ehtifal. He wished "all success" to the forthcoming conference of the Ulema-e-Islam and said that it was being held "just at the right time."

The Grand Mufti signed the visitors' Book at the Prime Minister's House last evening and held talks with the President of the Ehtifal, Allama Syed Suleman Nadvi and Syed Omar Baha el-Amiri.

He will visit the Masare of the Qaid-i-Amm and Qaid-i-Milat and will call on the Governor-General and the Governor of Sind today.

In the afternoon he will meet Begum Liaquat Ali Khan. He will also address a Press conference called by the Reception Committee of the Ehtifal this evening.—APP.

GRAND MUFTI'S SECRET FLIGHTS

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The Grand Mufti of Palestine was questioned to shed light on his "secret flights" whenever he travels from country-to-country. Pressmen asked him as to why his arrival in Pakistan to attend Ehtifal-o-Ulema-el-Islam was not communicated and made public. And so also his departure last year from Karachi after the Motamar conference.

He was also told a story of an American paper that the "mystery figure of the Middle East" was keeping his "movements secret" because he fears being assassinated by a Jew agent provocateur.

Was this true? The Mufti replied with a broad smile on his face: "Since my youth I make my tours secret. There is nothing special about it. It is simply to avoid giving trouble to my 'friends' 'arranging receptions'."

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